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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to place the specification in better form in accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practice. The applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.21, attached to this amendment is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

In light of the foregoing, an early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the following paragraph 1 to appear as follows:

[0001] This continuation-in-part application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 from United States Patent Application No. 09/844,401[XXXXXX], filed April 27, 2001[XXXXXX], and entitled "LAYERED MODULATION FOR DIGITAL SIGNALS" and from United States Patent Application No. 10/068,047[XXXXXX], filed February 5, 2002[XXXXXX], and entitled "DUAL LAYER SIGNALPROCESSING IN A LAYERED MODULATION DIGITAL SIGNAL SYSTEM", which are both incorporated by reference herein.

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